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WHAT: The Office Building of the Year Award Ceremony

WHEN: September 5, 2001, 1-2 p.m.

WHERE: Mississippi River Commission Building, 1400 Walnut Street, Vicksburg,

Miss. 39180

WHY: The Mississippi River Commission Building, headquarters for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River Commission and Mississippi Valley Division, was honored in June with the commercial real estate industry's most coveted and prestigious award -- The Office Building of the Year "TOBY" Award.

Officials from the U.S. General Services Administration (owners of the building) will be on hand to present the award. Colonel Thomas Holden Jr., Deputy Commander of the Mississippi Valley Division and Secretary of the Mississippi River Commission, will accept the award.

The Mississippi River Commission Building was recognized for excellence in office building management and operations in the Historical Building category at the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International's 94th Annual Convention and The Office Building Show® in Baltimore, Md., in mid-June.

This accomplishment marks the third time the Mississippi River Commission Building has received top recognition in this category prior to advancing to the International competition. All entries had to first win at local and regional competitions, which were held across North America throughout 2000 and this year.